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PITCH COUNTOURS IN A SPEECH SYNTHESIZER



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant's attorney wishes to bring to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the following document listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449. A copy of the listed item is enclosed.

1. S.R. Hertz, "The Technology of Text-to-Speech," Speech Technology 18-21 (April/May, 1997)
2. S.R. Hertz, "Space, Speed, Quality, and Flexibility: Advantages of Rule-Based Speech Synthesis", Conference Proceedings, AVIOS 2000, May 22-24, 2000, San Jose, CA.

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Respectfully submitted,

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